

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Northern Division)**

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PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS
LOCAL 486 MEDICAL FUND,
by its Trustee,
Bernard J. Vondersmith

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Plaintiff

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v.

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CIVIL ACTION NO.

RITA L. BOOKS

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and

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MJG 03-219

ROGER BOOKS

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NATHANIEL FICK, P.C.
CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT

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Defendants

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**ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND REQUEST
FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

NOW COME Defendants Rita Books and Roger Books, by their attorney Nathaniel Fick, and, in Answer to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, state:

RESPONSES TO SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS IN THE AMENDED COMPLAINT

1. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 1 of the Amended Complaint.
2. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint.

3. The Defendants admit that this action is being brought by a fiduciary, but defendants deny the remainder of the averments in Paragraph 3 of the Amended Complaint.
4. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 4 of the Amended Complaint.
5. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 5 of the Amended Complaint.
6. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 6 of the Amended Complaint.
7. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint.
8. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 8 of the Amended Complaint.
9. The Defendants deny the averments in Paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint.
10. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint.
11. Paragraph 11, as an incorporation paragraph, requires no admission, no denial, and stands as a blending statement, solely.
12. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 12 of the Amended Complaint.
13. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint.
14. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 14 of the Amended Complaint to the extent that the “benefits provided” as referenced by Plaintiff are benefits by and through the Medical Fund.
15. The Defendants deny the averments in Paragraph 15 of the Amended Complaint, and suggest that the corrected amount as described by the Medical Fund and now deposited into court is instead \$57,395.60.
16. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 16 of the Amended Complaint.
17. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint.
18. The Defendants deny the averments in Paragraph 18 of the Amended Complaint as to the creation of a “trust”, and instead here advise that a portion of the resolution was the creation of a structured settlement.
19. The Defendants admit the averments in Paragraph 19 of the Amended Complaint as to receiving periodic payments as a result of a structured settlement.
20. Paragraph 20, as an incorporation paragraph, requires no admission, no denial, and stands as a blending statement, solely.

21. The Defendants admit that the Medical Fund here seeks various relief, but denies that the monies received are in any way reimbursement of funds to which the Medical Fund has any entitlement.
22. The Defendants are unable to admit or deny to the averments in Paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are denied.

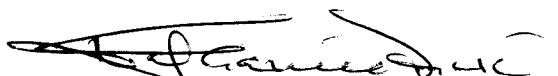
AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendants Rita Books and Roger Books, hereby assert the following affirmative defenses:

1. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
2. Plaintiff's claim are barred by federal common law of ERISA.
3. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the "Made Whole Doctrine."
4. Plaintiff's claim for injunctive relief is moot as the Order declared by this Court on January 30, 2003 states.
5. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of waiver.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Rita Books and Rogers Books, hereby request dismissal of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint For Declaratory Judgment and Request for Injunctive Relief or, in the alternative, that judgment be entered in favor of the Defendants on the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, and for such further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Date: 3/25/03

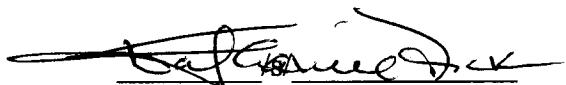


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of March, 2003, I mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of this Answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint For Declaratory Judgment and Request For Injunctive Relief, to:

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